

On Wednesday, April 7, the Red River Valley association will meet at the Washington-Yorke hotel in threeport—and this is one meeting Hope should attend in force.

The association is concerned primarily with flood control projects in the Red and Little rivers. Right now there is a battle between those who want one or two big dams constructed, and those who believe several smaller structures will do the job best. Hope needs to be informed on this issue, and the threeport meeting is the place where information is to be had.

For the last several years Brooks built a Fulton plantation owner, has been attending Red River Valley meetings. There were occasional speakers before Hope civic clubs, and your correspondent kept the Red River Valley question alive in this column—but actually none of us has done anything about it.

We have done nothing to help the organized movement which is absolutely necessary if we are to obtain public funds or a thing like flood control. And yet we are prime beneficiaries of the proposed work on Red and Little rivers. Red river is the western boundary of Hempstead county, and Little river is part of our territory to the northwest. One would be benefited, and our people would enjoy whatever recreational advantages may come out of the construction of one or more dams and artificial lakes.

Charles A. Armitage, secretary of Hope Chamber of Commerce, is setting up a motordrome for the threeport meeting Wednesday, and this correspondent for one is agreed to go. How about calling on Annalisse this week-end and asking yourself one of the party? The town is growing, and we expect to iron out the present controversy and get construction started in Red river valley.

The motordrome will leave Hope at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. Will you be there?

UN Appeal Will Help to Sell Democracy to World's Children
By JAMES THRASHER

"Before we try to teach the children of the world about brotherhood, we must first teach them to feed, clothe and care for them. It is useless to talk of democracy to a starving child... if we exert this generation in their misery they will neither forgive nor forget. They will recall their suffering and grieve, and grieve in silence as well as in body. Full of suspicion, hatred and bitterness, they will one day rule the world, and the chance for peace is small if they are not cared for."

These words are from a resolution adopted by children of 26 nations at UN headquarters in New York. They had met to appeal to their elders through the world to support the UN Appeal for Children.

Here in the U.S. the appeal is being conducted by American Overseas Children's Association, Inc., 26 participating relief agencies, total goal is \$60,000,000, and the campaign goes to a final and intensive five-week drive on April 12.

World events seem to make this of this final drive particularly appropriate. It comes at a time when children everywhere are in one of bitter words. Tension, unfriendliness and fear dictate the course of international relations. The talk is of governments, not of people—good governments and bad, governments of the enslaved, the enslaver, and the free.

Into this atmosphere there is injected an appeal for children, and in appeal that is directed as much to children as to adults. It has to do with politics or diplomacy. Children in Poland and the Balkans as well as in the Middle East and China, will be helped. There is no iron curtain; children are as hungry under dictatorship as under democracy.

This appeal will help the well-to-do children of America as well as the hungry children of other countries, have been growing up in a world atmosphere of hatred, war and its bitter aftermath have highlighted the differences between governments and have taught children the value of democracy and friendliness that unite most human beings, whatever their language.

Our children, and their parents too, need a chance to learn of or recall the twice-blessed quality of mercy that the American Overseas Children's Association Appeal for Children gives them. And already that opportunity is being well received. In almost all of our states school children are helping out by contributions, collections, sales carnivals.

Now is such activity confined to this country. The appeal is being answered by children all over the world. Even in Greece, where children have known hunger and suffering for so long, Athenian school students gathered at the

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Junior GA's to Install Officers Monday Night

The Junior G.A.'s of First Baptist Church will meet at five o'clock Monday for installation of officers and will have supper with the other young people's organizations at 6 o'clock.

Officers to be installed are: president, Mary Beth Johnson; vice-president, Barbara Taylor; secretary, Audrey Light; assistant secretary, Ann Houston; treasurer, Marcia Bowden; program chairman, Jan Moses and Lyla Brown; publicity chairman, Carolyn Cuff; social chairman, Guy Herndon; and Sue Moses, chairman of library committee, Martha Osborn; chairman of community missions committee, Judy Moses; chorister, Helen Hall.

Ask 21 Nations to Unite Against Communism

ROGOTA, Colombia, April 2. — (UP)—The 21 American nations were asked today to approve a resolution which would create in the western hemisphere a strong anti-Communist bloc to support the United States in the "cold war" with Russia.

The text of a resolution drafted by Chile to be presented to the inter-American conference calls on each nation to adopt internal measures "to suppress subversive activities which national or foreign individuals might attempt to favor the political interests of extra-continental states."

Chile was the nation which charged Russia before the UN Security Council with engineering the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. The draft text of the resolution also called for a united front of the American nations against communism, with exchange of information among them on measures adopted to suppress it.

Chile, assisted by the United States, was trying to obtain unanimous approval of the resolution before taking it to the conference, but was meeting some opposition to passage of any resolution.

Argentina, Guatemala, Ecuador and Peru have been expected to oppose any strong anti-Communist resolution. Some other nations would like to go to the other extreme and adopt a resolution calling for breaking relations with Russia. The United States wants a strong resolution.

The preamble of Chile's law resolution states that agents of communism are agents of a foreign power, but does not mention Russia.

Evacuation Is Key Factor in Next War
By MARUEEN GOTHLIN
United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, April 3. — (UP)—It there should be another war, every United States citizen must be ready for evacuation and for coping with war-borne disaster.

That is the opinion of Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator.

Fleming's public works commission already is laying plans for building a system of urban streets, expressways and rural highways. They would facilitate evacuation and maintain supply routes if roads and main highways should be knocked out by bombs.

Fleming favors bringing back the war-time office of civilian defense. In the defense department a new director of civilian defense planning has just started work on plans for a future civilian defense program.

He is Russell J. Hopley, president of the Northwest Bell Telephone Co., Omaha, Neb. Hopley hopes to complete within six months a plan to protect American cities against possible military attack.

Hopley shares Fleming's view about the need for efficient local disaster organizations.

"Just as every American citizen has a fire department, we must have a sound civilian defense organization on hand in case this country is attacked by an enemy," Hopley said.

He urged each U. S. city to start now to develop its own civilian defense organization. His job, he said, will be to co-ordinate various government reports outlining proposals for protection against atomic and other weapons, and to recommend a "workable system" based on individual and community responsibility.

Fleming believes every American should be versed in whatever methods exist for dealing with the disasters that would result from an atomic bomb, a guided missile or other weapons of a future war.

He recalled that "countless lives have been lost needlessly in Europe in World War I as a result of panic, ignorance and lack of organization. The same thing, he said, has happened in peace-time disasters in this country, such as the Texas City explosion and the Maine forest fires.

During the last war, the office of civilian defense made up a nationwide network of voluntary "civilian teams" extending down to the smallest community. Members of the teams perched on church towers and overpasses, at air raid shelters, issued gas masks and carried on blackout drills.

In any future war, Fleming said, civilian teams must have available for civilian use in an emergency should have certain duties and responsibilities assigned to it in advance. Every citizen should be assigned a specific role to follow out of town.

Even if such advance arrangements never are called into use by a war disaster, Fleming said, they would be useful in coping with such peace-time emergencies as flood or fire.

Longest Poem

The world's longest poem is said to be the great Hindu epic, "The Mahabharata." It was begun in 500 B.C. and finished about 1200 years later.

Judge Rules No Such Thing as a 'Catiff'

CHICAGO, April 3. — (UP)—The Illinois Appellate Court has ruled there is no legal way to deal with catiffs.

Judge George W. Bristow handed down the decision in the case of Henry Facilly, Jr., who was accused of playing pranks on his mother to get her to leave the house she decided him.

Facilly agreed to allow his mother to stay on the farm when she decided him the property in 1930. But later he changed his mind and sought a way to make her leave.

Among other things, he shut off the water, dug up his mother's flower garden, built an obstacle course in the front yard to make her stumble, and forced a bull to bellow to prevent her from sleeping.

Said the jurist: "There is no remedy in the court of law to deal with such a catiff."

A catiff, Webster says, is a "base, despicable person."

Security Tax May Offset Reduction

WASHINGTON, April 3. — (UP)—Some 52,000,000 taxpayers, now figuring how to use \$4,800,000,000 they got in tax relief, were put on notice today to expect a swift tax boost if national security demands it.

The tax cut was put into law yesterday by Congress, by an overwhelming vote, overrode President Truman's veto. He had said this reduction in federal revenues would undermine the soundness of our government finances at a time when world peace depends upon the strength of the United States.

But House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said: "If defense needs increase beyond what has been outlined, we would, of course, take any necessary steps to keep a balanced budget. The Congress will provide adequate funds which I properly speak will give us full protection."

And Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), author of the tax-slashing bill, added: "Should an emergency develop the Congress will take such steps as are necessary because we do not propose to tolerate return to deficit spending."

In the showdown between Congress and the president yesterday, the House passed the tax cut 311 to 65—45 more than the two-thirds majority required to override a veto. The Senate rang up a 77 to 10 vote to spare.

Deserting the president to vote for the Republican-backed bill were 82 Senate Democrats and 27 Senate Democrats.

The government printing office immediately got the signal to start the presses rolling on new forms for reduced tax withholdings. These go into effect May 1.

This is the general tax picture now:

1. The 52,000,000 income tax (Continued on Page Four)

Stassen Wins in Two States, Gains Support

MILWAUKEE, April 3. — (UP)—Claimed victories in Iowa and Maine cheered Harold E. Stassen's campaign in a new father today in a three-way battle for Wisconsin's 27 Republican presidential votes.

Airing like a man who thinks he is riding a crest, the former Minnesota governor laid out his final series of vote appeals in Southwestern Wisconsin Monday before Tuesday's primary. He speaks before the Chicago Board of Trade tonight.

Stassen will have Husting to himself next week. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey is flying back to his New York desk, uncertain of his chances in this sometimes giant-killing primary.

Stassen's campaign tonight was Douglas MacArthur's night. He was in Tokyo occupation duties long enough to send some last-minute message to his supporters in Wisconsin.

Stassen's aides spill out the field with 12 for their candidate, 6 for Dewey, 1 for Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, 1 for MacArthur and 2 not committed.

The Des Moines Register said in tonight's state convention delegate poll, 1,625 delegates voted for Stassen, 455 for Dewey, 172 for Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, 118 for Sen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 65 House Speaker Joseph Martin of Ohio, 12 and MacArthur.

Eisenhower, fourth on the list, was mentioned again in the talk for Democratic presidential nomination because of a statement he made before the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

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Jap War Machines Get the Ax



Under the supervision of American troops, the Japanese are destroying machines they built to make war. T-4 James Tsuneshi, left, of Monterey, Calif., and Pfc. James Rhoads, of Oil City, Pa., watch a Japanese workman go to work on a heavy unit. Other machines are being shipped, as reparations, to Great Britain and other nations.

Youth Charged With First Degree Murder

JONESBORO, April 3. — (UP)—Gerald Ainsworth, 21, of Leachville, Ark., will be charged with first degree murder for the Wednesday night slaying of Fred Holder, near Caraway, Chief Deputy Sheriff C. D. Wilson said today.

Ainsworth was arrested about midnight last night at Malden, Mo., and after questioning here, made a statement that he had given Holder looked at the wallet, and then Wilson said.

The wallet was turned over to police and the thief, whose name and picture were in it, was arrested.

Arrested with Ainsworth was a woman Wilson identified as Elberta Rice, 24, also of Leachville. They were brought to the Craighead county jail by Wilson and other policemen W. L. Patrick and Al Schuler.

Holder, 63, farmer living near Caraway in eastern Craighead county, was found fatally wounded beside his partially burned truck near his home Wednesday night.

Wilson said Ainsworth related in his statement that he planned to rob Holder and got him away from his home by claiming to need gasoline.

The officer reported Ainsworth also said that Holder resisted, then he struck him over the head several times with a pistol, and that the gun was discharged during a struggle. Holder had been hit over the head and shot once in the body.

Arrest of Ainsworth and his woman companion was preceded by arrest of Basil Glevins, Carmel community farmer, who was charged with aiding the escape of a fugitive, and of Floyd E. M. Blocker of Leachville, who was charged with being an accessory to murder.

Wilson said a first degree murder charge would be filed against Ainsworth by Deputy Prosecutor Ivy C. Crawford later today.

CITY OFFICIAL DIES

Texarkana, April 3. — (UP)—G. D. Garrett, 81, Texarkana, Tex., city secretary for 16 years, died today. He had been ill a short time.

The first was elected to office in 1932. In 1936, he also served as city treasurer. A native of Carroll county, Tenn., he came here in 1932.

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Clark Awaits Signal to Halt Coal Strike

WASHINGTON, April 3. — (UP)—Attorney General Clark today awaited only President Truman's signal to ask for a court order to halt the three-week-old coal strike.

The Taft-Hartley act authorizes that step when the national health and safety and endangered by a work stoppage. The president's board of inquiry reported to him Wednesday such an emergency existed because of the "walkout" of nearly 400,000 soft coal diggers over a pension dispute.

Justice Department attorneys, who worked into the night on the necessary papers, were ready to act at a moment's notice. But they said it might take as long as five days to get a court order, depending on the judge's reaction to the Justice Department plea. The order also could be granted in a matter of minutes—or it could be denied, if the court thought no emergency existed.

Mr. Truman was expected to release the 13-page report of the fact-finding board shortly after his return to the White House today. He took the report with him for study on his two-day trip to Williamsburg, Va.

Nothing short of a back-to-work order by mine leader John L. Lewis or a resumption of negotiations with the coal operators seemed likely to stop the coal action.

According to those planning the next government moves, the request to the court now was just a question of timing. Some presidential advisers hinted the injunction would not be sought before Monday, because of a desire to make public the inquiry board's report first. A delay also would give Lewis an opportunity to send the miners back to the pits Monday voluntarily.

Thousands of railroad and steel company employees already have been made idle by the strike, but the full impact has yet to be felt by the major steelmakers, possibly in another week.

Gazette City Editor Dies Suddenly

Little Rock, April 3. — (UP)—James Benjamin Reeves, 28, city editor of the Arkansas Gazette, died of a heart seizure at his home here today.

Reeves had worked until midnight, he returned to his desk this week after a two weeks' siege of pneumonia.

A veteran of both army and navy service in World War Two, Reeves had been a member of the Gazette staff since 1936. He came here from Fort Smith after eight years on the staff of the Southwest Times Record newspapers.

Relative of Local Resident Dies in Illinois

Mrs. Frank Pollock, aged 40, died in a Pirken, Illinois hospital Thursday. Burial will be in Danville, Ill. Sunday.

She is survived by her husband, infant twin sons, five sisters, Mrs. Olin Whitley of Hope, Mrs. Leon Carruthers of Prescott, Mrs. Cleve Murphy of Callon, Mrs. Ralph Hale and Miss Notti Faulkner of Emmet, three brothers, Berry, Jerry and Jim Faulkner of Emmet.

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Reeves joined the Gazette staff as an assistant telegraph editor, later transferring to the city staff as a reporter. He became city editor following his discharge from the army early in the war. Later he enlisted in the navy and upon his discharge soon after the close of the war he returned to the newspaper as city editor.

Reeves attended the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He joined the Southwest Times Record papers soon after leaving school in 1929.

Film Attacking U. S. Press Wins Russian Award

MOSCOW, April 2. — (AP)—"The Russian Question"—a Soviet cinema attacking the American press—has been awarded a Stalin prize, Moscow papers announced today.

The film was based on a play of the same name by Konstantin M. Simonov, following his trip to America in 1946. The award amounted to 100,000 rubles (\$18,887).

A similar award was given Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet commentator, for his novel "Storm." The novel contained many passages critical of the U. S. and British governments and their policies during the war. He also visited America two years ago.

Uniforms of Red Army Found in Sicily

Rome, April 3. — (UP)—The Ministry of the Interior today announced that police have recovered a large arms cache and "Russian-type" uniforms in Sicily where election tension resulted last night and early today into a dozen instances of violence.

Political meetings turned into fights all over Italy where Communists were aroused because of the alleged assassinations of 30 left-wing labor leaders in two years—the latest yesterday.

The Communist-controlled labor federation staged a 10-minute work stoppage through Sicily today to protest the slayings of labor leaders. The national executive of the trade unionists met in Rome Tuesday to consider what action to take to halt the killings.

The munitions and uniforms cache was found in the Catania area, the ministry said.

The cache, police said, contained five Sicilian towns, seized 200 people and confiscated large quantities of machine guns, rifles, shotguns, grenades and ammunition. Searchers also found "uniforms and helmets of Russian type, besides red neckerchiefs, berets, membership cards and other insignia for the Communists' new garibaldi brigades, the ministry said.

As reports of violence came into the capital armed cars, trucks and scores of motorcycles moved through downtown streets in rehearsal for tomorrow's parade of 25,000 soldiers and police. Ostensibly to mark the revival of an infantry unit, the parade will underline the government's determination to put down any attempt at a coup.

In the angry exchanges between the government and the Communists, the latter began to appear a growing number of attempts to use, even on a limited basis, their biggest weapon—a nationwide general strike by the 6,000,000 members of the Confederation of Labor.

The machine gun slaying of a Sicilian labor leader yesterday was followed last night by a bomb and pistol attack on a Communist meeting in the Naples area in which several Communists were injured, including Eugenio Reale, a member of the central committee of the Communist party and one of Italy's two delegates to the Cominform.

Reale appeared at a hospital for head wounds suffered when the meeting was attacked in the worst of the night's incidents.

Police said a number of unknown persons threw one bomb and pistol fire on trucks used by Communist supporters to attend the meeting. The attack was short, police said, and the assailants fled before the crowd could react.

Jailed for Distributing Red Literature

Birmingham, Ala., April 3. — (UP)—A resident of New York is under a sentence of 90 days at hard labor and \$100 fine for allegedly distributing Communist propaganda here, it was disclosed today.

Claude N. Gilley of suburban Fairfield said Harry Mench, 44, was charged specifically with disorderly conduct. Mench appealed the mayor's court sentence. He was arrested last Tuesday on the complaint of Miss Mary Chastain of Fairfield. She charged that Mench came to her house and insisted on showing Communist literature to her and her mother.

Fairfield police also said Mench was soliciting subscriptions to "The Daily Worker," a Communist newspaper.

Mayor Gilley said after Mench's arrest, two of his friends tried to get him out on bond. He identified them as Earl J. Hal, Jr., chairman of the Alabama Communist party, and Mrs. Mary Southard, correspondent for the Daily Worker.

"If they're back out here trying to distribute that literature again, we'll put 'em in jail," Gilley warned. "Anything a man does which might lead to a breach of peace is disorderly conduct."

Hell later issued a statement saying, "The Alabama Communist Party recognizes that this is not just an attack on the Communists. It is the home-front face of the bi-partisan Marshal Plan that is breaking strikes and a wrecking unions in Europe behind the same 'Communist scare' smog."

Armed American Soldiers Turn Back Russians

By LYNN HEINZELING
Berlin, April 3. — (UP)—The U. S. Army, counter-attacking Russian restrictions in Berlin, turned back two Soviet generals and 20 other Russians today from a railroad administration building the Russians occupy in the U. S. sector of the city.

Fifty U. S. military policemen barred entrance to all but the 1-100 Germans employed in the building. Some Russian officers remained inside the offices, and the American guards permitted the Russians to bring food for them.

The railroad building, near the border of the U. S. Soviet sectors, has been occupied by the Russians under a 1946 agreement. Similarly, the Russians occupy the Berlin radio station in the British zone.

The American guards bore side-arms and carbines.

Col. Frank L. Howley, head of the U. S. military government in Berlin, said the American move was made because Russians in recent nights sent guards to the building after nightfall. The Russians claimed a new guard had been put in the building because of reports that the criminal German elements were planning to destroy records there.

Soviet Gen. Alexander Kotikov protested that the American move frightened Germans in the neighborhood and inconvenienced Russian officers.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay ordered "a non-block across a thoroughfare leading to Potsdam, home of many Russians with offices in Berlin. The block was set up at 11 a. m. and was to remain in force until 3 p. m. Only vehicles coming from Potsdam were stopped. The first Russian forces and depots in the block turned back before reaching it, and German civilians said the Russians were stopping all Berlin-bound Soviet traffic.

No explanation of the roadblock was offered by U. S. authorities. The Russians two days ago set up blocks between their sector and the three western sectors, but the blocks were removed the same day.

The roadblock, however, created much less stir than the U. S. military guard around the Soviet railroad building. Russians drove up to the building several times. They brought food and cigarettes for the Russian forces and depots in the block. The Americans inspected the blocks of food and sent them in with a German policeman.

A 50-car train arrived, bearing military government supplies for U. S. forces and depots in the line. It was the first such train to arrive in several days. British forces have received three trains in the last two days.

Draft Laney Group Meets Tomorrow

By BOB BROWN
Little Rock, April 3. — (UP)—As supporters of a third term for Gov. Ben Laney prepared to meet here tomorrow, less than a month before the deadline for filing in Arkansas gubernatorial race, it became apparent that the chief executive held the key to the race could be the hottest political contest of recent years.

The Laney backers were expected to present the governor with a statement of petitions signed by voters from all parts of the state, urging him to run. Laney's withdrawal decision.

Nevertheless, until Laney makes a definite statement as to his plans for the future, speculation and stalling will be the principal factors in the campaign.

Laney may clarify his position next week, but he told United Press that he would not make a statement this week-end.

Following "draft Laney" meetings, however, the governor admitted that he would give "some consideration" to a reversal of his Jan. 19 decision not to seek a third term but despite stacks of telegrams and requests, he has not indicated what his decision would be.

Meanwhile, most of the other "potential" were waiting to see what the governor would do.

In this race were Attorney Gen. Guy E. Williams, James M. Malone of Lonoke, former Attorney Gen. Jack Holt, J. Wesley Samuels of Rogers and Internal Revenue Collector Horace Thompson.

Williams apparently would be the candidate affected most should Governor Laney decide to campaign for a third term. He admittedly is not eager to get into the race against Laney, and at the same time he probably would not want to seek re-election against his former Chief Deputy Ike Murry.

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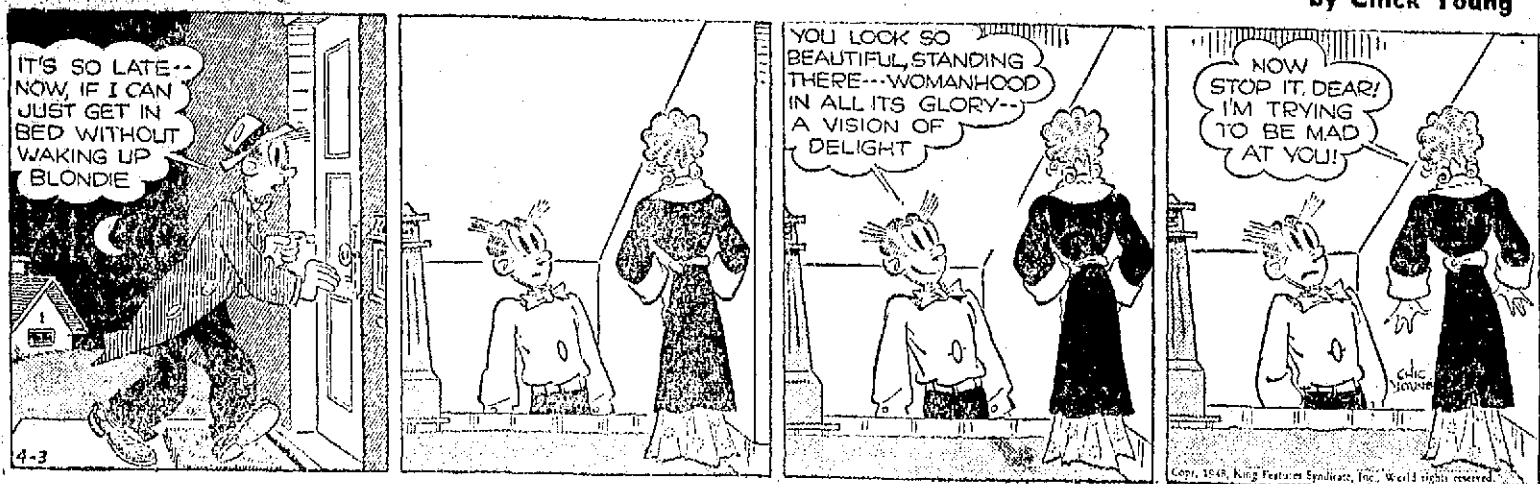
Negro Woman Under 'Spell' Relieved of \$425 in Cash

Mary Parker, negro woman who resides at 523 N. Hazel Street, reported to City Police today that she was swindled out of \$425 yesterday by a Mexican or Indian "fortune teller."

According to her story she was hypnotized by the unknown woman who promised to "make her rich." While the Parker woman was under her "spell" the swindler placed her money in an old stocking, tied it around her waist and left.

When she recovered from the "spell" the visitor and money was gone. Police are investigating.

BLONDIE



By Chick Young

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By Ray Gort

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

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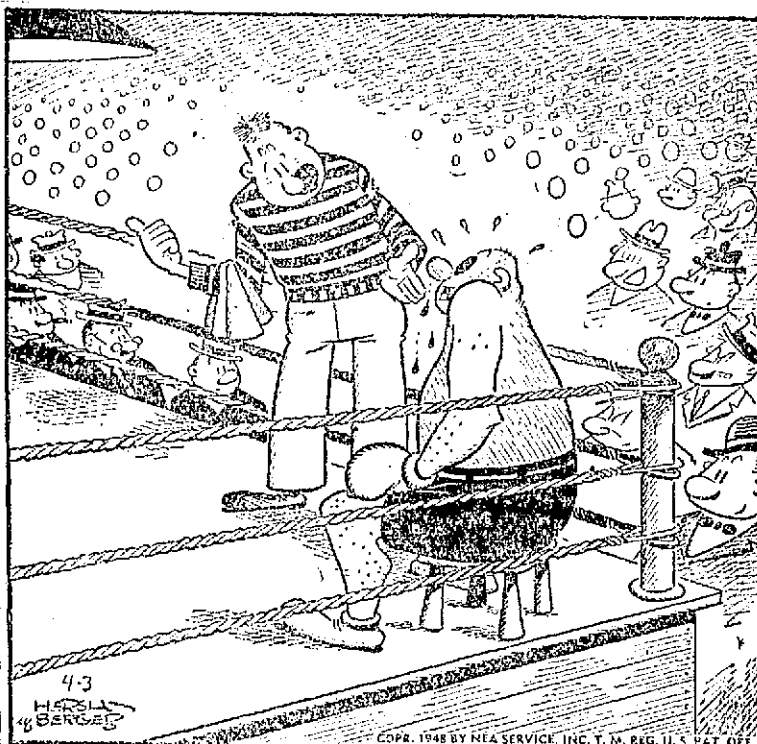
"Frankly, I'm beginning to think you're just plain lazy!"



"Why, doctor, I think you're simply wonderful! My father and I can't get him to eat anything!"

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



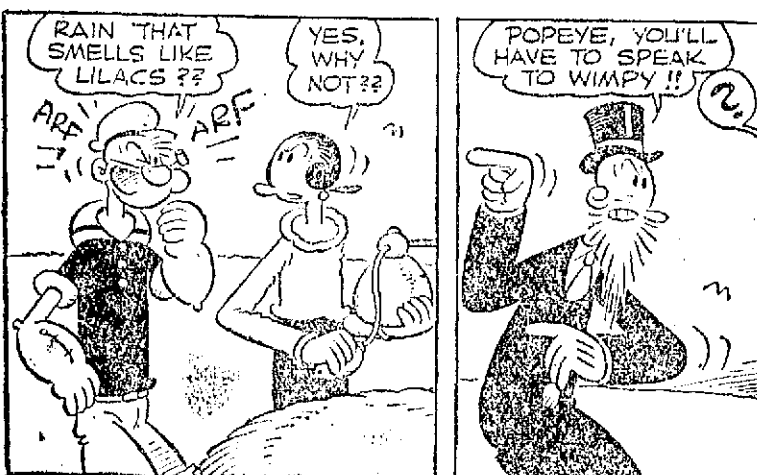
"And if he hits you again, you hit him right back!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser



POPEYE



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

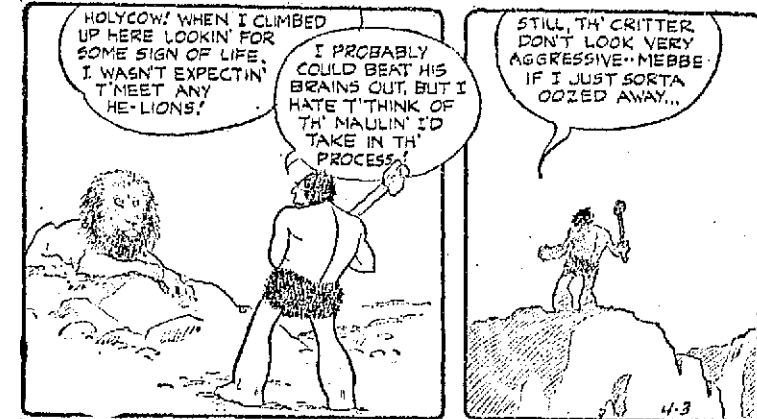


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With Major Hoople



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